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Residential sales, commercial sales, and industrial sales showed an increase in February of 1984 compared to last year. Residential sales increased 0.9 percent, commercial sales increased 0.6 percent, and industrial sales increased 8.7 percent. The Nov.-Feb. heating season sales are up 7.2 percent from last year's comparable period.

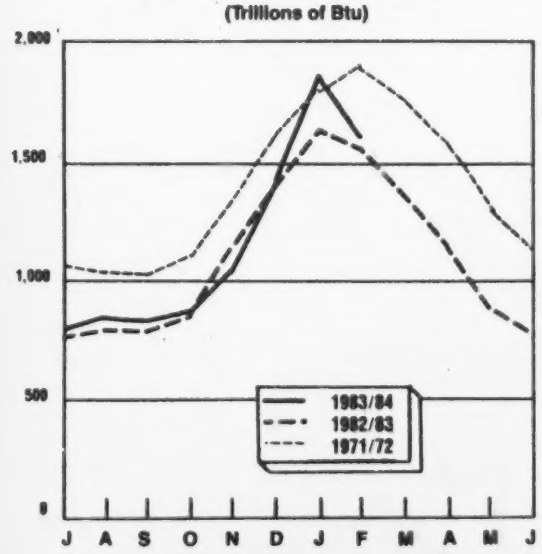
GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

	February			Heating Season (Nov.-Feb.)		January 1 to December 31		
	1984	1983	% Change[2]	1984	Last Period	1984 Forecast[1]	1983[P]	% Change
Residential	687.7	681.6	+ 0.9	2,621.1	+ 10.9	4,700.3	4,479.5	+ 4.9
Commercial	326.6	324.7	+ 0.6	1,252.9	+ 8.0	2,418.8	2,319.2	+ 4.3
Industrial	541.6	498.3	+ 8.7	2,135.8	+ 2.3	6,215.7	6,134.4	+ 1.3
Other	19.4	19.2	-	73.9	-	159.7	149.1	-
Total	1,575.3	1,523.8	+ 3.4	6,083.7	+ 7.2	13,494.5	13,082.2	+ 3.2
*Degree Days	687	731	- 6.0	3,290	+ 13.9			

*(NOAA - weighted by Gas Homeheating Customers - Normal for February is 820)

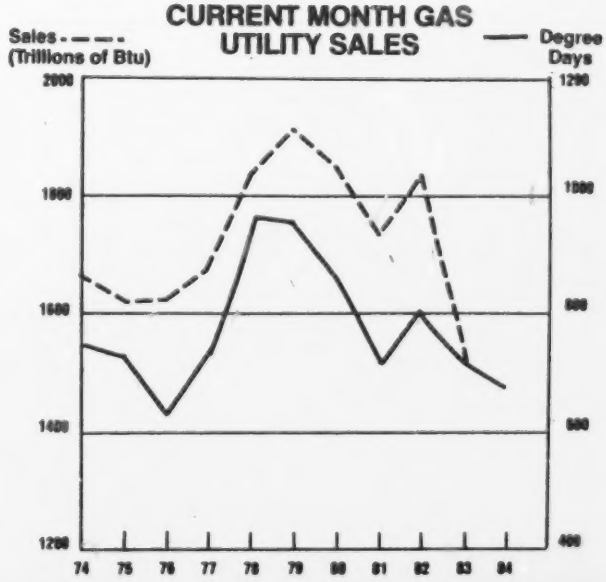
Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.
[P]Preliminary data based on A.G.A. sample.

MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES
(Trillions of Btu)



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.

CURRENT MONTH GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS
(Thousands of Units)

February

	1984	1983	% Change '83 vs '84
Domestic Range			
Gas		DATA	
Electric			
Clothes Dryers			
Gas		NOT	
Electric			
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas		AVAILABLE	
Electric			
Oil			
Boilers			
Gas			
Electric			
Oil			

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

February

	1984	1983	% Change '83 vs '84
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	126.8	96.3	+ 31.7
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	573.6	560.1	+ 2.4
Electricity	334.2	320.1	+ 4.4
Fuel Oil	705.0	669.7	+ 5.3

SOURCES: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1967 = 100)	82.6	79.9	+ 3.4
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	5.58	5.57	+ 0.2
Commercial	5.34	5.38	- 0.7
Industrial	4.23	4.47	- 5.4
Total	5.06	5.17	- 2.1

Source: A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.31	1.36
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.69	1.74
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.90	1.79
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.23	1.94
1980	3.13	3.61	3.34	2.79	2.64
1981	3.65	4.16	3.91	3.29	3.46
1982	4.44	4.97	4.72	3.97	4.30
1983[P]	5.06	5.82	5.41	4.32	4.83

[P]Preliminary

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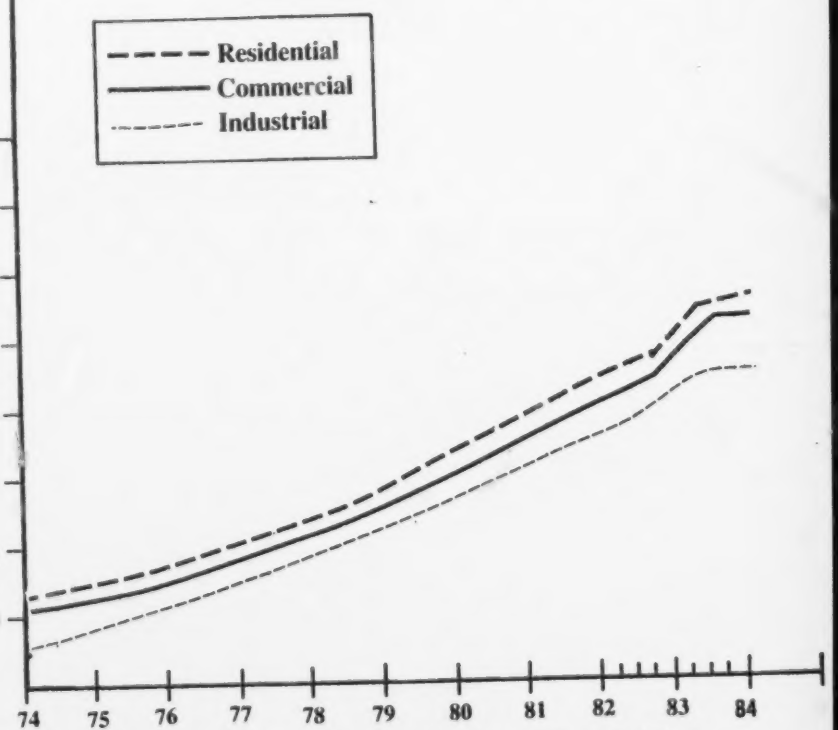

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[1]1984 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months of 1984 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2]The percent change is a function of the 59 sample companies.